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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS-DEFENDANTS AND MILITARY COURT

REF: A. TEHRAN 7165, B. STATE 188831

1. TWO DIFFERENT OBSERVERS HAVE GIVEN US INFO ON CASE OF
CIVILIANS REPORTEDLY DETAINED FOR MILITARY TRIAL AFTER BEING
RELEASED BY CIVIL COURT (REFTELS). BOTH CAME FROM OPPOSITION
SOURCES.

2. ACCORDING TO BEST SOURCE, LAWYERS INVOLVED WAS NOT MINACHI,
BUT ABDOLKARIM LAHADJI, PROMINENT OPPOSITIONIST MEMBER OF
IRANIAN COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS. LAHADJI
HIMSELF DESCRIBED INCIDENT TO SOURCE THUS: ABOUT JULY 1, 38
INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED WHILE CONDUCTING A MEMORIAL SERVICE
AT THE GRAVE OF A DECEASED GUERILLA LEADER NEAR DANANDAJ.
GROUP WAS DETAINED FOR A FEW DAYS, THEN CASE WAS HEARD BY
CIVILIAN COURT AND CHARGES WERE DROPPED. WITHIN A DAY OR
TWO, SAVAK PICKED UP GROUP AND ENTIRE 38 ARE NOW BEING HELD
PENDING MILITARY TRIAL. LAHADJI SAID CHARGES ARE NOT YET
KNOWN, BUT SUSPECTS SAVAK INVOLVEMENT AFTER CIVIL HEARING
MAY BE RELATED TO SUSPECTED CONNECTION OF GROUP WITH
TERRORIST UNIT, PAST OF PRESENT.

3. WE ARE STILL ATTEMPTING TO GET FACTS ON CASE FROM
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